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October 18, 2010

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Chief Executive Officer

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REPORT FOR A LONG-TERM GRATIS LEASE WITH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A HEALTH CAREER ACADEMY (ITEM NO. 5, APRIL 20, 2010 AGENDA)

On August 18, 2010, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) requested an extension to report back to the Board for the Board's consideration of a gratis lease with the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), to determine the feasibility of the following: 1) Requiring graduates of the proposed Health Career Academy Program to train at County facilities; 2) Confirm whether LACCD has the capacity in these economic times to construct and operate such a facility; and 3) Review the feasibility of LACCD to partner with the Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide a means to recruit and retain individuals in healthcare programs.

The CEO received recent status reports from LACCD's Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Development, regarding issues related to the funding, programming, and curriculum for the proposed project. Mr. Eisenberg indicated that the current mid-range project estimate calls for a budget of \$22 million. LACCD currently has \$15 million allocated for this project that became available with the passage of Measure J. Because of the funding short gap, LACCD has elected to seek additional funding from other LACCD sources, once it has established the health care programming and curriculum for this proposed campus. The CEO will collaborate with LACCD on the possibility of reducing the size of the proposed educational facility if the necessary funding cannot be secured, to ensure the project has a greater chance of being implemented.

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It is our understanding that LACCD's Chancellor, Dr. Daniel LaVista, will work through the administrative process to secure the remaining funding as quickly as the process permits, to ensure the project can move forward without further delay. I have contacted Dr. LaVista to assure him of the County's strong commitment to the proposed project and its importance to the community.

Accordingly, the CEO will return back to the Board with a status report as soon as LACCD confirms that the funding and programming needs for the proposed campus have been satisfied.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know, or your staff may contact William Dawson at (213) 974-3078 or <a href="mailto:wdw.gov.">wdawson@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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